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SUBJECT: MFA PLEDGES TO FOLLOW UP ON WMD PORTAL DETECTION  
INCIDENT IN UZBEKISTAN

REF: A. STATE 163194  
[1](#)B. TASHKENT 2063  
[1](#)C. TASHKENT 2081

Classified By: Poloff Steven Prohaska for reasons 1.4 (b, d).

[1](#)1. (S/NF) Charge met with First Deputy Foreign Minister Nematov on December 6 to discuss the WMD portal detection incident of November 30 in Uzbekistan (reftels B and C). He delivered a diplomatic note and questionnaire requesting additional information about the detection. Nematov explained that he had been in Madrid at the time of the incident, and had only just returned to Uzbekistan. (Note: An OSCE Ministerial meeting took place in Madrid on November 29. End note.) Accordingly, he had no information now. He said that it was a very important issue, and he pledged to follow up on it immediately and reply to the diplomatic note. Uzbekistan is active in counterproliferation efforts that safeguard regional security, Nematov said.

[1](#)2. (S/NF) Comment: We suspect that Nematov, who appeared very concerned as Charge described the event, was telling the truth about his lack of information. Those GOU entities involved in handling this incident, such as the Ministry of Emergency Situations, may not yet have informed the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) of this incident. We hope to receive additional information from MFA in the near future. This incident and the earlier willingness of GOU officials to inform us of what happened, albeit informally, underscore the value of DTRA's radiation portal monitoring program.  
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